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SUBJ: YEMEN REQUEST FOR STATE DEPT. MATERIALS

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1. DURING MARCH 2 CALL ON ME AT CHANCERY, AHMED AL-HADDAD, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPT. IN THE YARG FONMIN, ASKED FOR WHATEVER STATE DEPT. MATERIALS WE WOULD PROVIDE HIM CONCERNING DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION. HE ALSO ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR USG PRECEDENCE LIST FOR DOMESTIC AS WELL AS FOREIGN DIGNATARIES (E.G. WHO FOLLOWS US PRESIDENT, ETC, ETC.)

2. IN ADDITION AL-HADDAD WONDERED IF USG MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO HELP YARG REORGANIZE ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY. SPECIFICALLY HE ENQUIRED IF SEVERAL GRANTS MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YARG FONMIN OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY ON THE ADMIN SIDE, SO THAT THEY MIGHT COME TO WASHINGTON TO "OBSERVE AND LEARN" FROM STATE DEPT. OPERATIONS. IN THIS REGARD HE ALSO WONDERED IF YARG OFFICIALS MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE COURSES AT FSI. FINALLY HE ASKED IF STATE DEPT. WOULD BE IN POSITION TO SEND ONE OR TWO OF ITS ADMIN EXPERTS TO SPEND SOMETIME IN SANAA STUDYING YARG FONMIN ADMINISTRATIVE KFD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT THEREOF.

3. WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMITMENT I TOLD AL-HADDAD I WOULD PASS
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HIS REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON AND PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH.

4. COMMENT: WHILE I REALIZE DEPT. RESOURCES ARE TIGHT AT THIS TIME, IS THERE ANYWAY WITH SOME IMAGINATION AND FLEXIBILITY WE MIGHT RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST? HADDAD, WHO IS AMERICAN-EDUCATED, SPENT SEVERAL YEARS AS YEMEN'S DEPUTY PERMREP AJZHE UN AND IS VERY PRO-US. NEWLY APPOINTED FONMIN ASNAG HAS CHARGED HIM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMING UP WITH IDEAS FOR THE IMMEDIATE REFORM OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH HADDAD DESCRIBES AS BEING IN A "SHAMBHES".

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. GIVE SERIOUS AND URGENT CONSIDERATION TO WAY IN WHICH EMBASSY MIGHT RESPOND POSITIVELY

TO HADDAD'S REQUESTS AS GIVEN ABOVE IN PARA 2.
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